



Broome County Environmental Management Council

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**Broome County Environmental Management Council (EMC)
Natural Resources Committee
Notes from meeting held on Wednesday, February 22nd, 2012 at 4:30pm
Ahern Room, Broome County Library
185 Court Street, Binghamton, NY**

Present: Bill Heaviside, Debbie Overfield, Julia Hoover, Andre LaClair, Beth Egitto and Natalie Limbach.

1. The meeting was **convened at 4:30pm.**
 - Corrections to December's minutes were made. Andre motions to approve them, Bill seconds, all in favor, December minutes approved.
 - January minutes were handed out and minor corrections were made. Julia motions to approve minutes, Andre seconds, all in favor, January minutes approved.
2. Announcements/Privilege of the Floor/Items of Interest
 - Photo show information was handed out (brochures and posters). Entry deadline is April 4th, 2012.
 - Dylan sent Beth an email with the University's proposal for deer control and a Q&A sheet. Both were distributed. It was decided that the council will wait for more information before taking action.
 - Andre attended an Ornithology seminar on Monday night at Cornell. It was about the recent advances in fossils/evolution. At the event, he found out that there are resources available on the website for the Museum of the Earth that offered information about Fracking. Could be useful/interesting information for the council. Possible speaker for future meeting?
3. **Open Space Plan:**
 - The group went over some updates regarding the open space plan.
 - Went over GIS layers. Reviewed what layers we have done now, what layers we need to work on and what we need to add.
 - Natalie is working with Julian Shepard from BU to make a map of the unique natural areas through-out Broome County. Where does that fit into the open space plan?
 - We need to take layers and see how they apply within the open space plan categories. One map could apply for a single of multiple categories. We could also layer maps together to show the "big picture" which would fit

better into the open space plan sections. Beth is going to post all of the maps to the link where the open space plan is now. She is also trying to upload it Google docs so that everyone can work on it and make changes. The council will make note of things they want to change about the maps.

- Text of document: needs some work.
 - i. Where are things outdated (demographic data), where are there plans that now exists but did not when the plan we first written?

4. Meeting **adjourned at 5:45pm**. Next meeting: Wednesday March 28th, 2012 at 4:30pm, Decker Room, Broome County Library.